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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is responsive to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated October 30, 2001.

The Notice to File Missing Parts requires the filing of an executed Declaration.

However, an executed Declaration has been previously filed on October 30, 2001. Copies

of the executed Declaration and cover letter are enclosed herewith. A copy of the PTO postcard receipt is also enclosed. It is noted that the PTO fee for filing the executed Declaration was also concurrently submitted on October 30, 2001.

Issuance of the Official Filing Receipt is accordingly requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
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